

President Asks For Prayer As He Visits Communist Lands

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Richard Nixon asked for prayer for the nation that he will be able to "play the role of peacemaker" in his upcoming journeys to Red China and Russia.

In an address before 3000 persons gathered for the annual National Prayer Breakfast, President Nixon dwelt on the theme of peace and the "unprecedented opportunity" of this generation "to build a structure for peace in the world."

The National Prayer Breakfast is a group of representatives of the Senate and House of Representatives. As in past years, the occasion brought together prominent leaders from business, labor, and religion to meet with members of the Supreme Court, the Congress, top military men and representatives of government agencies. Distinguished diplomatic leaders from 100 countries were present also.

Billy Graham, a regular participant in these annual meetings, read the

New Testament selection on the psalms. "I am giving," Graham read Philippians 2:5-11.

The President referred to the great differences that exist between the nation and Red China and Russia, "two nations he will visit soon. 'It is naive to think our differences would evaporate if we get to know each other better,' Nixon said. 'These differences exist because we do not know each other better.'"

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Board Expresses Regret, Sets Guidelines On Critical Issues

NASHVILLE (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in their semiannual meeting here acted on the "Becoming" issue, responded to 1971 Southern Baptist Convention actions and approved guidelines for writers and editors in dealing with critical issues.

Trustees approved unanimously a statement expressing regret over misunderstanding and difficulties caused by the alteration of the quarterlies, "Becoming" and "Becoming for Leaders" and reaffirmed the responsibility of the executive secretary to make decisions concerning board publications.

Revision of text and photography in the two periodicals was made at the last stage of the board's publication process because board officials felt the materials, including a two-lesson unit on race relations, were "subject to misinterpretation." The revised materials were still mailed on schedule.

The statement read: "The trustees of the Sunday School Board reaffirm the responsibility of the executive secretary as editor in chief to make executive decisions concerning any Board publication, although some may agree and some may disagree with the wisdom of these decisions."

"We deeply regret the misunder-

standing and ensuing difficulties which have resulted from the events related to the alteration of the original January - March issue of Becoming and Becoming for Leaders magazines.

"We wish the people of our Convention and other Christian friends to know that it is the firm intention of this Board to present and encourage Christian attitudes in race relations, and the Sunday School Board staff members are encouraged to speak, write, and print such Christian attitudes without equivocation."

"We further pledge our continued adherence to the 'Crisis Statement' on race relations adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in May 1969 which appealed to all Southern Baptists 'to engage in ventures in human relationships, and to take courageous action for justice and peace.' We stand on our record concerning race relations and the ministry of reconciliation. We will remain true to our responsibility in the 'furtherance of the gospel' of Christian love and

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Series VBS Clinics Planned For State

A series of nine one-day Vacation Bible School clinics will be held in the state Feb. 14 - March 3, according to Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

The clinics this year will feature Mrs. Bryant M. Cummings, according to Billy Hudgens and Rev. Tom Douglas, associates in the department who will direct the meetings.

Mr. Douglas and Mr. Hudgens added that Mrs. Cummings wrote the material which will be used by those who teach younger children and that she wrote all the articles and the teaching procedures for the teacher's book, "Learning From The Bible" and the pupil activities in the pupil's book, "Learning From The Bible."

Mrs. Cummings will be in all nine of the clinics and will lead the conference where this material will be studied.

This is an unusual opportunity for us and we are proud to be able to feature the writer interpreting the materials directly to the worker," the two men said.

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Hospital Seminar To Be Held Feb. 24

The twelfth annual Seminar on Pastoral Care of the Ill will be conducted at Mississippi Baptist Hospital on February 24 by the Rev. Gordon Shambarger, hospital chaplain.

Ministers of all faiths are invited to take part in the seminar, which is designed to educate clergymen on care of those who are hospitalized.

The seminar is sponsored this year by Mississippi Baptist Hospital and by the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The emphasis of this year's seminar is reflected in its title, "Pastoral Care of the Cardiac Patient and His Family."

Dr. H. Dale Wright, Associate Director of the Department of Pastoral Care, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, will be featured and will

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National Student Ministries

Students In First BWA Mission Tour

By Benton Williams

Twelve young people from the states of Alabama, Tennessee, Illinois, Washington, Missouri, Kentucky, and Hawaii left on December 18, 1971, on the first world mission tour sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance and National Student Ministries.

This twenty-four day tour took the group to the Asia Baptist Youth Conference held about 155 kilometers from Bangkok, Thailand on the Gulf of Siam.

The group studied mission work in several other countries going to the conference and returning from the conference. The first stop after leaving Los Angeles and picking up three more tour group members in Hawaii was the country of Japan.

We were most impressed with the

mission work being done in Japan and the opportunity to see God moving in a very special way in the lives of Japanese students. Japanese university students seem to be searching for something. We feel that this some-

thing that they are searching for is God.

The few days spent in Japan was a most revealing and thrilling experience for the group. Millions of people in the large cities caused Enid Tron-

World Baptists Total 31,432,130

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptist churches in 115 countries have a total membership of 31,432,130, the Baptist World Alliance reported here.

The membership tabulation compiled by the Alliance showed a gain of 390,493 over a year ago, with increases in every continent except Asia and Europe.

Churches in North America, where the largest concentration of Baptists

live, showed a gain of 290,000 members to a total 27.5 million.

Membership in Africa increased by 70,000 to a current 808,266; and churches in South America reported membership increases of 50,000 to a total of 442,859.

C. E. Bryan, associate secretary of the alliance, explained that the decreases for Asia membership (from

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sen from Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington to say, "Every single person that we have seen in these large cities need to know about Christ."

Our next stop was Hong Kong where the group was most impressed with what they saw. We spent Christmas Eve in Hong Kong and about 11:00 P.M. the group decided to have a Christmas Eve prayer meeting. This prayer meeting lasted until the early hours of Christmas morning.

Each student committed his life to Christ! Each opened his life and asked God to have his way as he lighted a candle saying, "I'll go where he wants me to go, and I'll do what he wants me to do." Yes, Christmas was different this year for the twelve because we were away from home, but

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Young Ministers' Wives Gather At First Retreat Held Especially For Them



Enthusiastic young ministers' wives enjoy fellowship during retreat held especially for them at Camp Garaywa, January 28-29.



Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary, state Woman's-Missionary Union, is in left foreground, above. The scene is Garaywa's dining hall.



Mrs. Nell Robinson, DGB, speaks on money management.



At Garaywa: l to r, Mrs. Billy Williams, pastor's wife, Kosciusko; Dr. Sarah Rouse, MC faculty; Mrs. Don Phlegar, missionary, Thailand.

An enthusiastic, attractive group of young ministers' wives (including two of denominations other than Baptist) met together January 28 and 29 at Camp Garaywa near Clinton.

"This weekend retreat for ministers' wives under the age of forty was the first of what is hoped will be a growing event and one to be scheduled every year," reports Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

The different geographical areas of the state were represented in young women from the Gulf Coast and the Delta, as well as from central and

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MISS MISSISSIPPI

MISS HOSPITALITY

Pastors Praise Mississippi's Two Young Goodwill Ambassadors

By Robert Hamblin, Pastor
Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo

Jennifer Blair, Miss Mississippi, is a very active member of Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Blair, she has three sisters.

It is a familiar sight to see Jennifer singing in the church choir, the youth choir, and as a soloist in the Harrisburg Church. She also works with Girls in Action and without hesitation gives her testimony and witnesses to the lost.

She was saved when she was nine years old and has actively participated in her church since that time. She received her first instruction in voice in the music ministry of the church. In 1969, Jennifer was chosen Miss Tupelo, following her older sister Rita, who was Miss Tupelo of 1967, and was third alternate in the Mississippi Pageant in 1969.

In 1970, she became very active in several Christian movements on the campus of Mississippi State University. During this time her life was dedicated completely

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By Howard H. Aultman, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Columbia

All of Columbia and Marion County join together in a pride and joy in one of our young people, Susan Broom, a member of our church, is Mississippi's Miss Hospitality of 1971-72. Susan is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. Vernon Broom. It was my joy to baptize this beautiful young lady during the first Sunday that I was in Columbia.

She has grown up and excelled in all of the areas of church life and Christian growth. Miss Broom was for three years State Winner Perfect in Training Union Bible Drills. Her mother has been director of W. M. U. at various times during which Miss Hospitality was a member of the Sunbeams and G.A.'s.

She reached the highest rank possible in G.A., attaining the rank of Queen-Regent-in-Service.

Her musical ability has been developed with membership and participation in the Graded Choir program of the First Baptist Church. She was also active in the school band and chorus and other musical organizations. Susan is a soloist of tremendous ability and acclaim.

It is typical of her that the first Sunday night after

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VBS Clinics

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The first meeting will be Feb. 14 in

1st Springs Drive, 17, Jackson, Ridgecrest; 18, Brookhaven, First.

The faculty for the first week will be: Mrs. Fred Neyland, Jackson, Tennessee, middle preschool; Miss Betty Ruth Harris, Biloxi, older preschool; Mrs. Cummings, younger children; Mrs. Lyle Garlow, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, middle children; Mrs. Eldon Boone, Nashville, Tennessee, older children; Beau Colle, Greenwood, younger youth; Miss Shirley Robertson, Richmond, Virginia, older youth; Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson, adult; Arthur Burcham, Nashville, Tennessee, general officers.

The second series will be as follows: Feb. 28, Greenwood, First; 29, Sardis; March 2, Tupelo, Harrisburg; 3, Starkville, First. The faculty will be as follows: Miss Janet Abernathy, Jackson, middle preschool; Miss Janice Chambers, Jackson, older preschool; Mrs. Cummings, younger children; Miss Thelma Williamson, Jackson, middle children; Mrs. Eldon Boone, Nashville, Tennessee, older children; Mrs. W. R. McCarver, Tupelo, younger youth; Miss Myrtle Veach, Nashville, Tennessee, older youth; Rev. Bill Latham, Jackson, adult; William R. Cox, Nashville, Tennessee, general officers.

Each of the meetings will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Sunday School Department is providing lunch at the church. These meetings are by invitation only and are for the purpose of training associational leaders who will go back to their associations and provide clinics to train church workers, Mr. Cummings said.

This series of meetings will take the place of the usual statewide Vacation Bible School Clinic that has been held each year previously.

World Baptists - - -

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1,138,948 to 1,079,471) reflect an arbitrary editorial change deleting a figure of 123,000 which has been carried for Mainland China since 1951. A footnote on the new chart indicates 123,000 was the "last report" from Baptists in China, but does not include the total in the tabulation.

A decrease in the European total from 1,170,114 to 1,161,806, a drop of 9,308, is in keeping with a general decline in the membership of all free churches in Europe, Bryant noted. The figures do not include, however, an undetermined number of Baptists in Russia who are members of an unregistered group of Baptists (called Initiative Baptists) which is outside the 550,000-member All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists.

In addition to the 115 countries for which membership figures are listed, the chart shows 15 countries where Baptists are known to live but where no statistics are available.

Broadman Releases

Bus Outreach Supplies

NASHVILLE — A booklet on bus ministry and five related supply items have been produced by Broadman Press and are available in Baptist and general book stores across the nation.

"How to Build a Bus Ministry" is by James E. Coggin, pastor, and Bernard M. Spooner, minister of education, both of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth. The 32-page paperback booklet, designed to serve as a guidebook for congregations considering establishing a bus ministry, is a separate printing of chapter five and appendix of "You Can Reach People Now" by the same authors.

Supply items related to bus ministry include a Bus Outreach Triplicate Report Book, a new rider record card, pupil's weekly attendance record card, family history and attendance record card, bus captain's weekly report card and bus outreach doorknob hanger.

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Miss Mississippi

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to the Lord. During the Christmas holidays of 1970, she accompanied the youth choir of Harrisburg Church to the State-Wide Youth Convention in Jackson.

During this convention, Jennifer realized that God was asking for her entire life and she committed herself unto him for his full use. Since that time God has used her in a marvelous way. Not only does she serve God faithfully in her home church, but she has given her testimony through song and word many times to youth groups throughout the state.

She believes that it is through the Lord's leadership that she entered the Miss Mississippi State University Pageant last spring, and that the Lord led her from this to the title of Miss Mississippi.

Her testimony from the time she entered the pageant at Mississippi State has been that she was committing herself to God's will and whatever became of it she would use herself in the Lord's Kingdom. She believes that being Miss Mississippi has given her a great opportunity to serve the Lord and she tells about him and what he has done for her wherever she goes.

Jennifer is Miss Mississippi, not only because she is

Miss Hospitality

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she was crowned Miss Hospitality, and her mother asked, "Where do you want to go tonight?" that she answered, "I want to go to church." Thus it was that her first engagement after being crowned was at First Baptist Church, Columbia.

The person of this young representative of all Mississippi is genuinely Christian. Behind the radiant smile of her face and sparkle of her eyes is the presence of Christ.

Miss Susan Broom is a genuine Christian. After all, young people with personality, poise, and power can be Christian. Columbia, First Baptist Church loves this young lady with a special kind of love.

a beautiful girl, but because she has a beautiful Christian spirit and because she has given her life to the service of God.

The people of Harrisburg Baptist Church are very proud of Jennifer Jo Blair because she has used what God has given her for the glory of him and his kingdom.



Church On Wheels

DUBLIN — Ireland's first church on wheels—complete with pulpit and fold-away spire—is bringing religion to the people. The "Churchmobile," a bus which has been painted to resemble a Gothic church on the outside, seats 40 people. The unique vehicle is the answer to the problem of dwindling congregations in a large area faced by a County Kildare Baptist minister.

Rev. Robert Dunlop, Mr. Dunlop, pastor of a village church in Brannockstown in the Irish Midlands, will use the Churchmobile for traditional services and for informal meetings. During the summer season, he will take his church on wheels to seaside resorts for the benefit of vacationers. (RIS Photo)

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understanding among the people of all races."

Papers on "Race," "Sex and Sex Education" and "War and Peace" were approved, setting guidelines for writers and editors in dealing with those critical issues.

The trustees recognized that Sunday School Board curriculum materials must deal from time to time with current moral and social issues, on which there is considerable diversity of opinion and feeling among writers, editors and Southern Baptists in general. These must be handled in a constructive and helpful way, the guidelines said.

The trustees further recognized that the board's supervisory personnel and all of its editorial staff must be committed to the principal of publishing material which deals with all areas of Bible truth, including truth related to current issues.

Board trustees approved a response to a motion made before the St. Louis convention and referred to them through the SBC Executive Committee. The convention in St. Louis had referred to the SBC Executive Committee a motion which said:

"That the name 'Broadman' be dropped from 'The Broadman Bible Commentary' so as to remove any connection between the commentary and the Southern Baptist name, due to its liberal content."

The Executive Committee asked the board to respond to the motion. In their reply, the board stated: "The Sunday School Board trustees feel that no change should be made in the name of this set of books which have already been published and distributed widely."

Reasons cited for the decision included the fact that the commentary meets characteristics set up for a Boardman publication and that it is being used by thousands of purchasers, the majority of whom are Southern Baptists who seem to have no problem with the name. Also noted were the costs of securing new copyrights and correcting at least one half of the printing plates for all twelve volumes.

"Under the basic doctrinal concept of the priesthood of believers, calling for the right and responsibility of believers to make their own determinations in spiritual matters, the production of books presenting varying points of view has been considered

necessary. Some of these viewpoints may be considered fundamentalistic, conservative or liberal, depending largely upon the stance of the individual doing the evaluating.

"Broadman Press has sought to present within limits diversified views when sincerely expressed in publishable form by Bible-loving men who appear to have something to say and who say it well, whether those views might be shared by all Southern Baptists or not."

Also referred to the board's trustees by the SBC Executive Committee was a motion from the 1971 convention "... that the Convention request the Sunday School Board to eliminate the position of doctrinal reader."

Pointing to the board's tradition of using doctrinal readers through much of its history, a reply to the motion states, "The administration affirms and the trustees concur in the affirmation that the position of doctrinal reader is a necessary and appropriate one."

The statement cites the need for a

doctrinal reader based "on the concept that educational materials published by the board for use by churches must be products of group work since such publications must record facts in the most accurate and understandable way possible after exhaustive analysis and do not seek merely to express opinions."

In other actions, the board approved the transfer of the position of editorial secretary from the executive office into a staff relationship to the director of the church service and materials division. This change was made in order to put the editorial secretary "more into the main bloodstream of development of curriculum plans and materials for use in local churches," according to James L. Sullivan, executive secretary.

The advertising and sales promotion department, Book Store Division, was deleted from the division organization and an operations department was added. The operations department will be responsible for advertising and sales promotion, invention selection and control and the coordination of direct sales.

Al Crawford, supervisor since 1961 of the sales promotion section, Book Store Division, was named manager, campus stores department, of the same division.

Trustees approved the following changes in church literature periodicals to be effective with October-December, 1973, issues. All these are church training periodicals:

—Transfer "Skill," "Now," "Becoming" and "Becoming for Leaders" from church literature periodicals to church literature special study materials, to be published less frequently to meet the needs of the users.

—Change "Adult Church Training Guide" to "Source for Leaders" and add "Source—Kit for Leaders," "Baptist Adults—Kit for Leaders," "Baptist Youth" and "Baptist Youth—Kit for Leaders."

The board's building subcommittee was authorized by the trustees to employ an architect to develop detailed plans and specifications and to proceed with extensive remodeling of the Spilman Auditorium at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly.

Thirteen Practical Nurses Graduate

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Practical Nursing held commencement exercises Friday, Feb. 4, for 13 who are now Graduate Practical Nurses.

Featured speaker was Rev. Thomas Hudson, pastor of Oak Forest Church, Jackson, who brought an inspirational message to the 13 graduates.

The class address was delivered by Mrs. Inez Starkey, of Jackson, Class Valedictorian.

Mrs. Johnnye Weber, R.N., Director of Nursing Service, presented the candidates for graduation, and Earl Edkins, Assistant Administrator, awarded the certificates.

Graduates include Mrs. Rosetta Brown, Jackson; Mrs. Isabella Carley, Yazoo City; Mrs. Pauline Chisholm, Jackson; Mrs. Georgia Fleming, Jackson; Mrs. Bessie Franklin, Benton; Miss Euzella Griffin, Jackson; Miss Wanda Myers, Crystal Springs; Mrs. Louise Pigford, Jackson; Miss Rosemary Proctor, Jackson; Miss Martha Shepherd, Jackson; Mrs. Inez Starkey, Jackson; Mrs. Jan Stroud, Jackson; and Miss Santa Walker, Fernwood.

NEWS BRIEFS

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — The Southern Baptist Woman's Union has awarded the Elizabeth Lowndes Award, a \$200 scholarship, to Miss Becky Jean

her college work. Miss Ross, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, is a graduate of University of Texas at El Paso. She

WARSAW (RNS)—The Baptist Union of Poland has scheduled 150 evangelistic crusades at churches and mission stations during February. The services are part of World Mission of Reconciliation through Christ, a cooperative program sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance that will continue through 1975.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—Eighteen adjunct professors have been named by Midwestern Baptist Seminary here to teach as a part of the school's instructional assistance program. Under the program, initiated last year and called "The Midwestern Plan," persons with expertise in a particular field are invited to teach for one month at the seminary in an intensive study program. Under a new degree structure, the program is based on eleven four-week terms during the academic year.

LIMA (EP)—A 12-day evangelistic crusade here at year's end sponsored by some 85 Peruvian evangelical churches closed with a capacity crowd on New Year's Day of 15,000 people at the "Plaza de Acho" Bull Ring. A tally of 4,585 people stepped forward to confess their commitment to Jesus Christ at the invitation of evangelist Luis Palau.

CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY — January 28, 1972 — Trans World Radio just completed its fourth intercontinental broadcast via satellite. The event occurred on Monday, January 24, from 9:30 to 10:00 p.m. EST from our Nation's capital. Broadcasters on three continents took part in a live forum. The program took place at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Washington, D.C., and was relayed by satellite to Trans World Radio's overseas transmitting facilities in Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles, and Monte Carlo, Monaco. The United States audience heard the program live over a network of Christian radio stations. The program consisted of a forum of outstanding evangelical broadcasters discussing the topic COMMUNICATING CHRIST TO EVERY CREATURE. As a unique feature, during the broadcast there was live, two-way communication via satellite between Europe, Latin America, and Washington, D.C.

PARADISE, Pa. (EP)—The last member of a Lancaster County (Pa.) family that has given nearly 200 years of service to Christian work in China died here Jan. 19 at the age of 92. Miss Mary ("China Mary") Leaman was born in Shanghai and as part of her work, translated the Chinese Bible into Mandarin phonetics. The monumental task caused her to suffer loss of eyesight.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (EP)—No state aid will be going to Illinois private schools, the Illinois Supreme Court has ruled. Without judging in any way on the constitutionality of state aid to nonpublic schools, the court ruled that Gov. Ogilvie's veto power exceeded his authority when he earlier tried to change existing bills passed by the Legislature last June.

CHICAGO (EP)—Mahalia Jackson, whose soulful interpretations of gospel songs were enjoyed by fans the world over, died Jan. 27 at Little Company of Mary Hospital in a south Chicago suburb of heart disease.

NEW YORK (EP)—Ten students from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, just returned from a study tour in the USSR, said Soviet officials confiscated religious literature they were carrying and labeled it "contraband." However, the group said it learned that the Soviet Council of Religious Affairs is willing to allow U.S. visitors to bring one Russian-language Bible each into the USSR, if it is brought in "openly."

BLUEFIELD, W. Va. — A retired college librarian designated the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions as beneficiary of funds accumulated in her retirement plan. The Foreign Mission Board received a check for \$6,864, designated for the Lottie Moon offering, from the estate of the late Frieda D. Siler of Bluefield, W. Va. She was head librarian at Bluefield College for 19 years. Before her death, Sept. 29, 1971, she made the foreign mission offering the beneficiary of her retirement plan.

New At Crystal Springs

According to the pastor, Rev. A. Estus Mason, First Church, Crystal Springs has recently added two new staff members.

Rev. Charles Gordon has begun his work as minister of education and assistant to the pastor. He moved to Crystal Springs from the pastorate of Bethany Church, Prentiss, where a new education building has just been completed. A graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary, he is the father of two children, Charles, Jr. and Beverly, both seniors in high school. Mrs. Gordon, also a graduate of William Carey College, is a teacher in the Prentiss High School. (She and the children will continue to live in Prentiss until school is out, traveling to Crystal Springs on Wednesdays and weekends.)

Wed. Mike Smith recently became minister of music and youth of First Church, Crystal Springs. A native of Tupelo, he grew up in the East Heights Church there. He is a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College and has done graduate study toward his Master's degree in music at Mississippi College.

During college days, he served churches in Newton County and Hinds County, and his last ministry before moving to Crystal Springs was with Westview Church, Jackson.

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1st, Brandon To Hear Home Board Speaker

Dr. Fred B. Moseley, pictured, assistant executive secretary - treasurer, Home Mission Board, will speak at First Church, Brandon, Wednesday, Feb. 16, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the subject of the "home mission study book," Catalyst in Missions. This will be a dialogue on the work and needs of home missions through many different types of missionaries. "Everyone is invited to come and take part," states the pastor, Rev. Bill Duncan.

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make three addresses during the day.

Sessions will be held in the amphitheatre of the hospital's Gilfoy Building, housing the School of Practical Nursing and the Progressive Care Unit.

Dr. Wright will present his first talk at 10:45 a.m., followed by a book review by the Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Forest.

Dr. Wright's second talk will begin at noon, followed by luncheon and a presentation by Dr. Howard Dear, director of the hospital's cardiovascular laboratory, which the clergymen will tour.

Dr. Wright's third presentation is scheduled for 3 p.m., and the seminar will conclude at 3:30 p.m. A question-and-answer session is scheduled following each of Dr. Wright's talks.

A native of Evangeline, La., Dr. Wright is a graduate of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He did his internship and residency at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

He served as pastor of churches in Deville, La., and in Lakeshire, Miss., before taking his present position.

Carey To Offer Night Class In Psychology

William Carey College will offer an unusual night class during the Spring Semester in the PSYCHOLOGY OF PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT. Dr. W. E. Greene, former president of Clarke College, will teach the course each Thursday evening, beginning Feb. 10. A popular teacher of motivation courses throughout the state, Dr. Greene sees the course as being highly valuable to the average business man, the salesman, and to all church leaders. Based on sound psychological studies and basic Christian principles, the course will be helpful in developing potential and productivity in every area of life.

Registration will occur during the opening class on Thursday. Late registration will be possible on Thursday, Feb. 17. The entire cost for three semester hours' credit will be \$75.00. Further information may be had by calling the academic vice-president at Carey College.

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other: "and the philosophical gulf is great," he emphasized.

The President talked about the role of the United States in its relationships with other countries. Our chief goal, he said, is to help them to be nations "of liberty and justice for all."

He referred to giving economic help when that is needed, but he stressed the challenge for America "to build a new structure of peace in the world where men of differences can talk about these differences instead of fighting about them."

"As a Christian nation... enriched by other faiths, we have a charge and a destiny to play the role of peace-maker," Nixon declared.

Earlier in the program, Mayor Walter Washington, the black appointed leader of the District of Columbia, received a standing ovation after an emotional message asking for "unity and reconciliation" in the land.

Mayor Washington mentioned the poor, the hungry and helpless in the land who, he said, are not willing to wait until they get to heaven to claim the promises of a good life. Calling for a national "liberation of the spirit" as we try to solve the problems of this land, Washington

said, "We must listen to the poor as well as to the rich, to the young as well as to the old, to the sick along with the well."

Mayor Washington, a Baptist layman, who said he was "speaking from his heart" and not from the advice of others, said he fails to understand "why it is so difficult for us to understand the needs of the poor, the hungry, the helpless and the dispossessed."

"We cannot say that we can reach the moon and yet fail to heal the wounds of those who suffer," the mayor cried. Preaching that "this is

the commitment we have" as a nation, Washington said the country has the capabilities to solve all our problems.

The National Prayer Breakfast, held in the international ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel, concluded with a prayer and a plea for commitment to Christ, voiced by Sen. Harold Hughes (D., Iowa).

"If the people here in this room would make a commitment to God and Jesus Christ, it could alter the course of history," Sen. Hughes declared.

Cooperative Receipts For January Show Gain Of 17.7% Over Year Ago

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first month of this year, January, totaled \$381,854, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is a gain of \$37,383 or 17.7 percent over the \$324,471 given in January of 1971, Dr. Hudgins added.

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the denomination and accounts for about two-thirds of the total mission contributions.

Seminary Extension Creates New Home Study Institute

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist seminaries has established a "Seminary Extension Home Study Institute" to replace the department's former correspondence school as a step toward possible accreditation.

The department is currently seeking accreditation from the National Home Study Council, an accrediting agency for schools of correspondence.

The council had recommended the change in the department's program to rename its correspondence school the Seminary Extension Home Study Institute.

Presidents of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, who comprise the administrative committee for the department, approved the change during a meeting here.

The Home Study Institute will include all the 36 correspondence courses offered by the department, and any such courses to be added in the future.

The institute will also provide reading programs, cassette tapes, and other training media developed for use in continuing education, through independent home study, of pastors and other church vocational workers.

J. Ralph Haidee, associate director of home study education for the department, will have immediate responsibility for supervision of the institute, according to Raymond M. Rigdon, director of the Seminary Extension Department.

Eleven correspondence instructors will give individual attention and counsel to the students who enroll in the department's 36 correspondence courses. Eight of the 11 instructors have earned doctoral degrees, and three have master's degrees in their fields.

Rigdon said that increasing numbers of colleges and universities are accepting credit on degree programs for seminary extension courses taken by correspondence. Accreditation by the National Home Study Council would be a major step toward credit transfers for such study.

In other recent action, the department's curriculum committee, composed of one faculty member from each of the six sponsoring seminaries, approved plans to develop four additional courses through the department.

Editor Notes Growth Of "Christianity Today"

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Pilgrimage To The Ganges

PRAYAG, India — Thousands fill the shore at the confluence of three rivers — the Ganges, the Yamuna and the Saraswati — in Prayag, India, during the Hindu festival of Ardh Kumbh. The confluence is the site of two major festivals. Every 12 years, the Kumbh Mela festival is held at four holy places in India, where, according to legend, four drops of the elixir of life accidentally fell to the earth during a battle between the gods. During the sixth year between these festivals, the Ardh Kumbh celebrations are held. At Prayag, which is near

the city of Allahabad and is one of the four holy places, an estimated five million worshippers took part in the most recent Ardh Kumbh festival. Bathing in the confluence is considered one of the most sacred actions in the Hindu faith. So many make the pilgrimage to the Ganges that during the recent celebration, as many as 7,000 policemen and 5,000 social service volunteers were on duty to control the crowds. Tent cities are set up to house the pilgrims and special trains bring them in and out of Allahabad. — (RNS PHOTO)

Negroes, Whites Labor Together To Rebuild Fire-Bombed Church

TEXARKANA, Tex. (BP) — Negroes and whites from several Texas cities started a new year laboring in sub-freezing weather here to rebuild a Negro Baptist Church that burned to the ground in fire bombings last March.

White Baptist volunteers from churches in Tyler and Dallas worked with Negroes and whites from Texarkana in what B. C. Green, pastor of the burned St. Paul Baptist Church, called "an old-fashioned log-raising."

"Both races are working together, shoulder to shoulder, eyeball to eyeball, rebuilding in love what was destroyed in hate," said Lory Hildreth, pastor of Texarkana's First Baptist Church.

He said his church gave \$5,000 in a special offering to purchase construction materials, and many laymen from the congregation are helping in the construction in the southwest edge of the city.

More than \$35,000 has been raised to help rebuild the St. Paul and the Mt. Orange Baptist churches, both of which were destroyed in fire bombings in March 1971.

The burnings followed racial disturbances between Texarkana students that forced the closing of a local high school. Fire bombs which failed to ignite were found in three other churches.

Taylor Pendley, coordinator of church extension for the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT), said the cooperative effort to rebuild has resulted in a greater understanding between blacks and whites.

Finished spruce logs for the walls, trucked in from Colorado, will help provide a \$100,000 building to seat 300 people for a fraction of the normal

construction cost, said Carson Everett, mission - church builder for the 1.1 million - member BGCT. He was named to supervise construction after helping erect a similar log church in Laredo, Texas.

Everett said cooperation by the all-volunteer army of mostly unskilled builders has resulted in completion of the walls of the new church in only two weeks.

Lubbock Property Gift Aids Southwestern Seminary By Nearly Half Million

FORT WORTH (BP)—Nine years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jackson of Lubbock deeded two pieces of West Texas property to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here through the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

Little did they know that today that property would net the seminary nearly a half-million dollars.

One of the tracts of land, a 177-acre farm in Hockley County, was sold in 1963 for \$78,500 shortly after it was given to the seminary. The proceeds were used to construct a building in the Student Village.

The other piece of property was a 160-acre tract in Lubbock County. Later the City of Lubbock extended its boundaries to include the acreage. The value of the land multiplied and sold last fall for \$400,000.

That amount, less closing costs and expenses, is now part of the permanent endowment of the seminary. The combined benefit of the two pieces of property was \$478,500.

Students In First BWA Mission Tour

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it was so evident that Christ was there in our midst.

The resettlement villages with families living in little 8' x 10' rooms, rooftop schools, the Baptist kindergarten, Hong Kong Baptist Hospital, Hong Kong Baptist College, and missionaries sharing experiences with us, will be never forgotten.

The program at Kowloon Baptist Church Christmas day, where our group shared with the members of that church was most memorable. Dr. R. H. Falwell, former consultant in the National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, is the pastor there.

Junks (small boats) along the coast, poverty, refugees from Mainland China, and children everywhere, made such an indelible impression upon us. Little privacy, crowded streets, and people who need Christ is what we remember about Hong Kong.

Indonesia — land of 115,000,000 people. Everywhere people live — along the railroad tracks, streets, canals,

near office buildings and factories, all have a very evident need — so few have heard about Christ.

The group was so moved by what they saw missionaries and nationals doing as they worked side by side preaching the gospel, and healing the people. Southern Baptists have 165 Baptist churches in Indonesia, a seminary, bookstores, Student Centers, three hospitals, publication work, and English-speaking churches.

The Indonesian-speaking Calvary Baptist Church with 185 in Training Union on Sunday evening was an impressive sight. A fully robed choir and the preaching by Chris Marrentika, an Indonesian preacher and teacher in our Indonesian Baptist Theological Seminar thrilled us.

The beautiful green countryside, natural beauty, and a spiritual need of the people, called many to this land of wonderful opportunity, wide open to the preaching of the good news of God's love. Thailand — the site of our Asian Baptist Youth Fellowship! Asians from twenty-one countries proclaiming as their theme, "A Living Sacrifice for God."

Almost 400 came singing witnessing and proclaiming Christ as Savior and Lord. At Pattaya Beach, Thailand (155 kilometers from Bangkok) the Southern Baptist encampment, there on the sea, built with Little Moon Foreign Mission offering funds, was an ideal setting.

Yes, seeing churches, our Baptist hospital, day care centers, seminary, book store, and other Baptist work caused David Lewis, BSU president at Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky to say, "The need is so great here — if God calls I'm ready." David was just voicing what was in the hearts of all of us.

Looking up at Calvary from the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem Harold Burroughs from Tennessee said, "Jesus died here, but the important thing is that he lives in our hearts." Praying in a small garden at early morning seemed to bring our group so close together!

This mission tour was not just an ordinary sight — seeing tour. It was a mission experience for all who attended. Will we do it again? Should Baptist World Alliance and National

Student Ministries promote such a mission study tour? The answer is I think they will, as long as Baptist students thirst to see what God is doing in the hearts and lives of other people around the world.

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Young Wives Gather At Retreat

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northeast Mississippi," Miss Patterson continues. "There were young wives of varying ages — the youngest only nineteen."

"Perhaps the highlight of the weekend was the fine fellowship which the young women had with each other. There was time for them to get together and become better acquainted and to share the joys and frustrations of being a young pastor's wife."

The Young Ministers' Wives Retreat, sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union, began on Friday night with supper and was concluded mid-afternoon on Saturday. Program personalities were Mrs. Don Phlegar, missionary to Thailand; Dr. Sarah Rouse, chairman, Division of Humanities, and head of the Department of English, Mississippi College; Mrs. Nell Robinson, Deposit Guaranty Bank; Mrs. Betty Black, Merle Norman cosmetics representative; and four members of the WMU staff, Miss Frances Shaw, Miss Fran Pickett, Mrs. Barbara Taylor, and Miss Patterson.

Under the topic, "Making the Most of What My Husband Has," Mrs. Nell Robinson of Deposit Guaranty Bank discussed money management. This was a matter of such importance to these young women that they asked questions far past the speaker's allotted time. Wives of student pastors and young ministers whose salaries are still relatively small wanted to know how to stretch their dollars. One young woman asked, "What do you

do when guests drop in to eat with you for practically every meal, week after week, and your food budget is already at a minimum?"

Mrs. Robinson suggested, "Try feeding them cornbread and turnip greens. Maybe that will discourage their coming again!"

But the young lady answered, "I've already tried that!"

"Making the Most of What I Have," featured Mrs. Betty Black of Merle Norman Cosmetics. Mrs. Black gave a demonstration facial. When she asked for a volunteer model, dozens

LAKE HARBOR TO CELEBRATE 2ND BIRTHDAY

The Lake Harbor Baptist Church, located on Highway 43 at the Ross Barnett Reservoir, will observe its second birthday with special anniversary services on Sunday, February 13. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and the preaching service follows at 10:30 a.m.

Organized in February of 1970 with 22 charter members, the church has shown a steady growth to a present membership of 68 and an average attendance of 73.

The Lake Harbor Church feels that God has given it a unique ministry to the great numbers of campers, fishermen and vacationers who visit the reservoir each year. In these two years, many hundreds of visitors from

all parts of the state and nation have attended their services.

There are far too many people who are dedicated to the work of the Lord but are not dedicated to the Lord of the work. — James Robison in Seven Ways I Can Better Serve the Lord, a Broadman book

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COMMITTED TO REMEMBRANCE—The bread. The wine. Passes from hand to hand in the observance of the Lord's Supper, this symbolic act — wherever in the world it is observed—is praise. Praise to God for the privilege of being involved in a Cooperative Program to tell God's good news everywhere.
(Lord's Supper observance, Baptist Church, Lome, Togo, West Africa) Stewardship Department, John Alexander, Director.

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EDITORIAL

Building An Empire For The Glory Of God

An Editorial Report

"Thirty-seven thousand feet altitude; ground speed of 627 miles per hour." These were the words of the captain coming over the intercom. The mighty jet-liner was racing through the northern sky, seven miles in the air.

Far below was a world swathed in white. As far as one could see there was nothing but snow. At the horizon it blended with the gray of the winter sky.

As I gazed out of the window, I could make out tiny lines etched like dividers on the landscape. The first thought was that they must be fence-rows, but soon I realized that they were roads and highways. An interstate appeared as little more than a hairline, but was identified by the diamond lines of intersections.

From seven miles up one cannot recognize cars, or even houses. However, tiny dark blotches on the endless white surface reveal where farmhouses and their farm buildings stand.

Once in a while one discovers a larger black patch and soon realizes that it is a small town or village.

Frozen rivers wind their way across the landscape, their surfaces identified by the whiter than usual surface of snow covered ice, and some dark lines along the banks.

A larger city appears below, identified by circling interstates and crisscrossed dark streetlines. A curl of smoke rises from some industrial plant.

"Sioux Falls, South Dakota is on the right," said the voice on the intercom. "From the pilot's seat, I can see five states: North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska."

The hum of the motors reminded me that we were moving toward Chicago at a speed of more than a sixth of a mile each second.

I leaned back in the comfortable seat of the airliner, warm and snug, although only a few inches away, just outside the cabin window, the temperature probably was more than 50 degrees below zero.

Looking Back
Through my mind ran the events of the past few days, for I had left Billings, Montana only a short while before, where I had been representing Mississippi Baptists at the annual Bible and Evangelistic Conference of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention.

On Monday evening, just three days before, I had stepped off a plane from Dallas and Denver, into a snow storm. Biting flakes, that were almost like sleet, pelted my face, and I had drawn my heavy overcoat a bit closer as I picked my way through snow drifts and icy spots on the parking area, toward the warmth of the airport. How different was this scene from the one I had left only a few hours before.

Soon I was in a taxi and quickly we were looking from atop the caprock where the airport sits, across the city of Billings. It had a strange beauty as street and building lights glowed on the blanket of white, all of the picture softened by the light snow that now was falling. Through snowy streets, we wound our way through the wintry world to the motel where I was to stay. Soon I was registered, and ready for sleep in a warm, cozy room. The television revealed that it was several degrees below zero.

A Warm Welcome
In the morning, I donned my overcoat, gloves and hat, just for the short trip from the room to the restaurant. It was that cold! My Southern blood felt its chill. In a moment, however, the discomfort was forgotten in the warm welcome given me by Rev. and Mrs. John Baker. Mr. Baker is the genial and capable executive secretary of the Northern Plains Convention.

Before long we were in the Baker car, making our way along the icy streets, to the western part of this modern city of 90,000, to the Emmanuel Baptist Church, where the meetings were to be held.

Northern Plains Convention is comprised of Southern Baptist churches in four states: North and South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana. Montana alone is three and one-half times as big as Mississippi in area, and each of the other states is much larger than our state. This reveals the immensity of the territory served by this convention.

Actually, however, there are only about one hundred churches and missions, and they are scattered mostly far apart in this sparsely settled land.

Many in attendance at the meeting had come two hundred, three hundred or even five hundred miles, over snowy, icy roads. On Wednesday evening, for the Youth meeting, a bus load of young people came from Denver, more than 600 miles away, and many others had come more than 300 miles.

Combined Meeting
Because of the distance, and the difficulty and expense of getting together, decision had been made to combine a

Bible and an Evangelistic Conference, the latter immediately to follow the first. I had been invited to speak at both meetings, and Roy Collum, Director of Evangelism for Mississippi Baptists had been invited to lead in the Evangelistic Conference.

The Bible Conference had been arranged under the direction of the Sunday School Board. This is a new emphasis with that board, and is proving to be one of its most popular programs. People are interested in studying the Bible. Last year the board provided a great convention wide Bible conference in Dallas, and this summer there will be two such conferences. However, the board also promotes state and area Bible conferences, and this was the state conference for this convention.

Directing it was Dr. Chester Russell, scholarly, Bible loving, able teacher from the Sunday School Board. Others on the Bible Conference program included Dr. James E. Coggins of Fort Worth's Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Dr. D. G. McCoury, staff member of the Northern Plains Convention, who leads student work and other work there, and your writer. All of us except Dr. Coggins had spoken upon assigned portions of the book of Acts, giving emphasis to the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the work of the early church. Dr. Coggins' two messages dealt with the Holy Spirit's work in a modern church. One of those sermons probably will appear in an early issue of the Record, and also a review of his new book, which tells the story of revival which has come to Travis Avenue church.

An Unforgettable Hour
The most unforgettable hour of the Bible Conference, as I looked back on it from the Chicago bound plane, was a period which came at the close of the afternoon service of the first day, when the congregation was divided into groups for prayer and for testimony concerning the Holy Spirit's work in our own lives.

Conference group one was led by Rev. John Tims, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Casper, Wyoming. This big, capable, warm-hearted, dedicated young man, who had left the comfort of a successful pastorate in Texas, to come to the Northwest, led in one of the most soul-stirring meetings it has been my privilege to attend. Although it probably was not planned that way, it turned out to be a time of testimony of how God had led these men and women to the Northwest. I heard young men and older ones, and dedicated wives of pastors, tell of how God had led them to their present area of service, and had directed the work in their field. Sometimes they had come upon a basis of nothing except faith that God was leading and would provide. They are serving, many in hard places, and often in small ones, but their lives are in the hands of the Holy Spirit, and their faith is in God's promises. Nor has He failed them! Sacrifice? Yes! Difficulties? Certainly! Suffering? I expect sometimes! Victory? It was evident! My own heart burned within me as I heard the reports of how God was leading, and I felt the impact of the mighty faith of these men and women.

Evangelistic Conference
All too soon, the day and a half of the Bible Conference was over, but many other good things awaited us as the Evangelistic Conference began on Wednesday afternoon. The first session was presided over by John Baker. The first moment of devotion was by Ron Smith, dynamic young pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Bismark, the capitol of North Dakota. He is the son of Rev. Leroy Smith who is widely known in Mississippi, and had left a strong church in a suburb of Dallas to take the Northern Plains pastorate. His wife sang one solo during the meeting, and played the piano a number of times.

Mississippian Roy Collum set the tone of the Conference as he delivered a heart searching message that brought all of us face to face with the fact that we are the people of God, and that God has given us a task to do for Him. He was followed by Rev. Warren Littleford, Southern Baptist area missionary in Minnesota, who described exciting new ministries which are being used to win people to Christ, and to extend Southern Baptist influence in Minnesota. Another young man from the Dakotas, Rev. John Tanner, reported on what a city wide campaign led by Evangelist Bill Glass had meant to his city and to his church. My message on "Evangelism and the Church" closed the afternoon.

Youth Night
Wednesday evening was Youth Night for the conference, and a choir of 152 young people had been assembled. Already I have described the distances which some of them had come. I was told that the meeting was the second

largest crowd ever assembled in a Northern Plains Convention meeting.

Leading the service was Mr. Benny Brite, Music Director of a church in Denver, who had brought his young people to the meeting. He directed the congregational singing, led in the special music by the youth choir and special groups, and then brought a devotional message which ended with his own personal testimony of the Holy Spirit's work in his life. His testimony was followed by others from young people, and from older people in the audience. Hearts were stirred, and I am sure that many spiritual decisions were made during the service. When the invitation was given, many came in rededication, and some young people accepted Christ. We went back to our rooms tired, but certain that God had been moving in our midst.

Last Day
On Thursday morning the weather had "warmed up" to 18° above zero, but was still cold by Mississippi standards. Yet, when the service started at 9:15 the largest crowd of the week for a day service was assembled. Ex-Mississippian Jimmy Smith, who only recently has gone to Lander, Wyoming, brought the devotional. He was followed by tall, scholarly Ralph Ehren of First Southern in Rapid City, S. Dakota, who brought a masterly message on "The Lack of Hope." Warm, aggressive C. A. Spradlin followed him with a message on how "Faith and Works Wins Souls," telling of what God was doing in his pastorate in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

After a break I spoke on "The Second Coming of Christ" as the world's one hope, emphasizing that while Southern Baptists are not agreed concerning interpretations of the events of the Second Coming, they are generally together in their belief in His return, and can preach the great prophetic message of the Bible concerning that.

The last message of the morning, and the last I heard, although the meeting was to continue through that evening, was a tremendously moving sermon by Roy Collum on Jesus Christ as the one hope for lost men.

That was the end of the meeting for me, and I was hurried to the airport, where soon I boarded the non-stop flight for Chicago, from whence I would come on back to Jackson that same evening.

Vivid Memories
Now, as I mused back over the meeting, there were vivid memories of what I had left behind.

How I thanked God for John Baker, the tall dedicated convention secretary, who, with his wife, had been led from Louisiana, first to Colorado and then to the leadership of the new convention when it was formed a few years ago. How great must be his faith, and how tireless his efforts, as he leads the scattered churches of this vast northern area.

I thought too, with gratitude, of his associates, Bob Lawrence, D. G. McCoury, Nacey Murphy, and others who serve on the staff.

I thought of the area missionaries, who serve whole states, and literally drive themselves tirelessly in giving encouragement and direction to the work.

I thought of our own former Mississippi men who are serving so heroically and faithfully up there.

I thought of other pastors, young men just out of the seminary, men in their middle years, and even those who had reached retirement, but were working on in this great field.

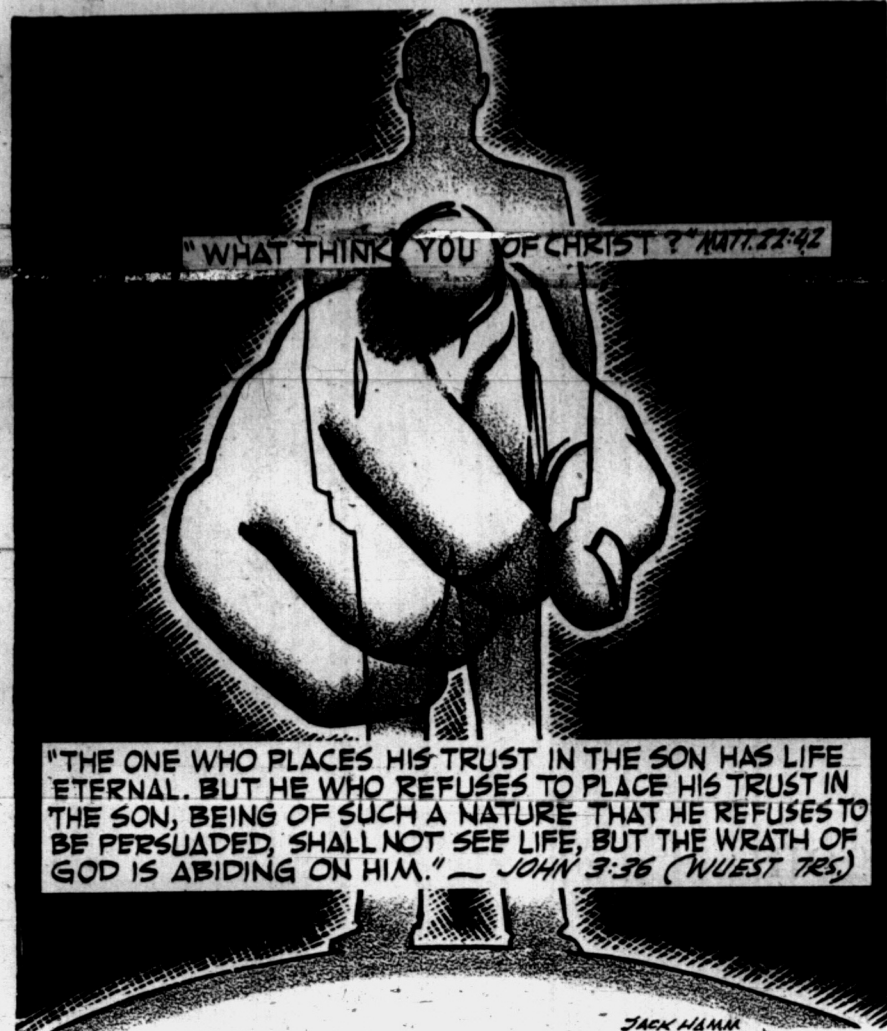
I thought of others who have served in the past and who have left their imprint up there, and of the part that Mississippi individuals, churches, associations and the convention itself, have had and are having in supporting the work.

I thought of laymen and women whose dedicated lives are surely unsurpassed anywhere. Such are Herb Warren, former Mississippian, who is on the faculty of Montana Tech. University in Butte, and the young woman whose name I did not get, but who, I was told, was driving 150 miles back to Miles City after the service on Tuesday night, so she could bring a car load of young people for the Wednesday night service.

I remembered the churches I had visited in Helena, Butte, Bozeman, Great Falls, Deer Lodge, Lame Deer, Anaconda, Shelby, Three Forks, Rapid City, and other towns and cities.

I considered the reason Southern Baptists are up there: because there are so many people who are lost, and there is need for additional evangelistic Bible witness in almost every community.

A Growing Witness
As I considered all of these things faith and joy swelled my heart, for I was confident that, despite the immensity of the task, and the many difficul-



Question Direct to the Heart



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

A Valentine

When I was about to begin the third grade my parents bought us children a set of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedias. They were the most marvelous books I had ever seen. The first things I read were stories concerning animals — almost every volume had one.

Then I began a long, delightful journey all through the world. It seemed impossible that the pictures were still, for as I looked at them, surely the boat was sailing, the windmill turning, and the wooden shoes clamping by the Zeider Zee. Surely the falls at Niagara were spilling over — I felt the misty spray. And the gondola in Vienna carried me off with a dashing European of eight years vintage, also.

As we traveled along, my books and I, there began to grow in me a desire to be actually in three of those places. My mind was made up, unquestionably, that I would someday stand in front of the Bok Singing Tower, walk the sidewalks of New York, and gaze at the splendor of the Taj Mahal.

Patriotism has always been strong within me. To think even then that my country had been so good to Edward Bok that he would build a lovely bird sanctuary as tangible proof of his gratitude made me want to sing the "Star-Spangled Banner." Somewhere in my mind I felt a need for adventure. The pictures and information about New York City made it the most adventuresome-sounding place in all my well-traveled pages.

Romantic thought comes to us ladies while we're still quite young. How thrilling to be so beloved that a husband would build such a magnificent building as the Taj Mahal in one's honor. I wanted to see that building.

In spite of extreme plainness, being skinny and freckled, I had the universal dream of girlhood that a handsome young prince would sweep me up, and we would gallop away on a white stallion. It turned out that way with a couple of alterations. My prince was a young preacher, and we sped away in a black Plymouth.

The months began to fly by, but during our second year of marriage my gallant prince of a preacher took me to stand before the Bok Singing Tower. It was a satisfying experience — as I had known from childhood that it would be. About twelve years later he took me on my New York adventure. It was a thrilling and exciting experience — as I had known from childhood it would be.

Two of the Three Places I Want to Go had risen from the flat page to become living dimensions in my experience.

That left only one. But it is a little more difficult to travel to India. So I said to myself, "Ewilda, you may have to be content with your encyclopedia trip to the Taj Mahal." The thought really did not upset me as the years kept going by.

Seeing any mention or picture of the Taj Mahal reminds me it was built because

ties, this work will not fail.

It is being built upon the solid foundation of God's Word.

It is growing through the faith, love and sacrifice of the men and women who are working there.

It is supported by the prayers, love and gifts of many people in Mississippi and other areas, and plans are being made right now, to strengthen that support, and to enlarge opportunities for participation in it, both by Mississippians and others.

A Southern Baptist empire is being established in this great area and for all the years to come, until our Lord returns, it will continue to grow and its witness spread.

I thought of these things, looked out the plane window at the snowy white world below, and thanked God.

On The MORAL SCENE...

Consider America's basic problems: the wealth of the richest nation is badly distributed; one of about nine Americans is poor; one of eleven is black. With unparalleled resources the nation also has social instability. Our dangers are not external but within. By a process of residential segregation we are concentrating the poor and black in central cities surrounded with a Berlin zoning wall. We try to ameliorate this by busing to school but if Negroes lived in suburbs they wouldn't need buses — they would be there already. We treat the symptom, not the cause. And the income gap isn't getting smaller. The president of the American Finance Association, Joseph Pechman, recently offered us a more refined analysis of US income distribution: the lowest fifth of American families, he says, get only 3.2 percent of the nation's income, contrasted to 45.8 percent for the upper fifth. The top 5 percent of the families get 19 percent of the pie and the lucky 1 percent at the apex get 6.8 percent. In other words, the 1 percent at the top receive a slice more than twice as big as all 20 percent at the bottom. That's where crime, and hate and social disorder come from — the deprived lower fifth. (TRB, The New Republic, 1-1 & 7-2)

Surgeon General Jesse L. Steinfeld suggested recently that the government more actively protect the health of cigarette smokers and nonsmokers through new laws. There is "no longer an honest disagreement among medical scientists" that "cigarette smoking is deadly," Steinfeld said at a news conference in releasing a sixth major report to Congress linking smoking to fatal diseases. The 226-page report lists tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide as smoking ingredients most likely to be harmful. It said even nonsmokers can be harmed by prolonged exposure to large amounts of cigarette smoke in a small room. Steinfeld, a nonsmoker, said reforms could include setting maximum limits on tar and nicotine in cigarettes, or taxing each brand by content, ending tobacco subsidies, and banning all cigarette advertising. (St. Louis Globe Democrat (AP), 1-11-72)

of love. Somehow, sometime, I'm not quite sure how or when, the thought came to me, "Why, Wilda, you have a Taj Mahal all your own!" And I do, really.

You cannot see it, but I know it's there. It has been built intentionally, carefully, permanently, and deliberately by a husband because of love. The building materials are priceless — the marble of understanding, precious mosaics of concern, devotion, honesty, dependability, patience, humor, encouragement, respect. All these, placed on a foundation of dedicated love have enshrined me, while still living, in my own Taj Mahal.

So I can gaze in awe at the Taj Mahal — the one he built for me. I gaze at it with much more wonder than I would gaze at the actual Taj Mahal. It is an awesome experience — as I have known from childhood that it would be — to be so loved.

This is a Valentine I wrote to James in 1967. He says it is the best one he ever got. Many husbands deserve just such a Valentine. 1972 is a good year for Valentines.

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BAPTIST DRAMA EXPERTS PREPARE FOR JOB: Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Corey of Shreveport (standing) put the last-minute make-up touches on the face of Harold O. Proske Jr. of Shreveport and Tulsa, who has played the role of "Job" for the Everyman Players since 1965. Mrs. Corey designed the intricate mosaic costumes and makeup in an effort to communicate the concept that Job, a faceless mosaic, represents mankind, for his questions truly are those of every man.—(BP) Photo

Agony, Faith Of Job Are Dramatized In Mosaics

A moan of agony, gurgling forth with hushed intensity, arose from ten mosaic figures on the stage.

The voice of three women intoned the message: "... and they are dead, dead, dead."

A tall, commanding figure in the center of the stage slowly, dramatically removed his mantle, then spoke: "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

A few moments later, that tower of strength was writhing in the agony of boils that covered his body from head to foot.

His wife shouted dramatically: "Don't thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die. Curse God, and die!"

The scene was one of many dramatic tableaux from "The Book of Job," a highly acclaimed classic drama created by Irene and Orlin Corey, active Southern Baptists, and performed by their Everyman Players on tour throughout the country during the month of January.

To many who saw the play in 16 cities, the drama made the poetic message of "The Book of Job" come alive, communicating with intensity the awesome questions of mankind which have troubled every man in times of trouble.

Corey put it well in the introduction to the play, as he addressed the audiences before the players came on stage:

"From suffering and anguish, Job cries out our questions, indeed the questions of every man:

"Who and where is God?
"What is man? Why is he here?
Where is he going?"

"If a man die, shall he live again?
"If God is good, why is there evil on earth?"

"It is our purpose," Corey told his audiences, "that the poem of Job will be yours. The Word of God, through the Book of Job, will live anew in our lives tonight. Be not dismayed at the mystery in this planet. Watch, then and pray. Listen. Wonder. And if you will, worship."

Then, after the sound of the shophar (ram's horn used in Jewish worship),

the ten mosaic-clad figures slowly marched on stage.

The players, five men and five women, were clad in black garments covered with multi-colored silk patches which glistened in the low-key lighting, creating a stained-glass effect.

Their faces were painted in a style matching their garments, with strong black lines surrounding eyes, mouth, and nose. Splashes of color tastefully added to the mosaic effect on the faces. Black hoods with colored silk squares covered all but the faces.

Inspiration for the costumes, designed and created by Mrs. Corey, came from the mosaics of the early Byzantine churches. The actors, devoid of identity except for the towering height of Job, played their roles in moving mosaic tableaux.

Corey, in an interview after the performance in Nashville, said that the costumes, coupled with the use of King James language direct from the Bible, and the sounds of the drama, create a ritual dimension that suggests reverence, holiness, and a kind of awesomeness that adds impact to the significance of the questions raised by Job.

The general response to the play, which had its 1,000th performance at the First Baptist Church of Tulsa on the current national tour, has ranged from astonishment and shock at Job's anger to amazement at his undying faith, Corey said.

This year marks the fourth national tour of "The Book of Job." Significantly, six of the 16 performances were scheduled at Southern Baptist churches; three at Southern Baptist theological seminaries, and one at a Baptist college. Most of the performances came at the time when Southern Baptists across the nation were studying Job during a nationwide January Bible Study emphasis. Corey said it was the first national tour which has focused on church performances.

When Job was first created as a drama in 1956, the Corey's designed it for presentation specifically in churches of the English Baptist Union, in response to an invitation to tour English Baptist churches. But in America, Corey noted that Baptist churches have been slow to sponsor a drama by a professional company, even one using King James language direct from the Bible.

"The Book of Job" has been acclaimed by drama critics around the

By William E. Bell Jr.
Historically, Southern Baptists and Christians generally have believed that the Bible is inerrant. Today, however, many people are being told by an increasing number

(1) That this view of biblical inspiration is simply a vestigial remnant of a pre-critical era and is no longer tenable in the light of modern biblical criticism, and

(2) That the question of inerrancy is relatively unimportant anyhow, and that its proponents are creating unnecessary dissension within the denomination which is distracting from our primary goals of evangelism and missions.

I believe that there men are in error.

First, biblical inerrancy has not been destroyed by modern criticism. No new and dramatic factual discoveries have been made which prove the Bible to be errant. The so-called "errors" which are brought forth as evidence are the same problems which have been dealt with by scholars for generations and, in some cases, for centuries—except that their number is now considerably reduced because of massive archeological confirmations of scripture.

Dramatic Shifts

Outstanding scholars in this generation such as William Foxwell Albright of Johns Hopkins have experienced dramatic shifts in their views of biblical reliability, based largely on the discovered data of archeology.

But I think that this empirical approach to the question of inspiration is not likely to bring a definitive answer. No one questions that there are

world, and hailed as a creative classical approach. It has been performed at two world's fairs, Brussels in 1958 and New York in 1964; has played two seasons off-Broadway in New York; and has been presented in tours of 33 states in the U.S., plus Canada, England, Wales, Belgium, Holland, Italy, South Africa, and Chile (where it was televised nationally).

It also has been televised nationally by Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS-TV) in 1968, and was a factor in earning the 1968 Religious Drama Award of the National Catholic Theatre Conference for Mr. and Mrs. Corey in 1968.

For 14 summers, it has been performed for 10 weeks, six nights weekly, at the Cathedral of the Hills in Pine Mountain State Park, Pineville, Ky., a natural outdoor amphitheater.



THE AGONY OF JOB: Mosaic, stained-glass makeup and costumes, plus dramatization of probing questions of life, combine to communicate both the agony and faith of Job. Job's questions truly become those of every man: "What is man? Why are we here? Who is God? If God is good, why does he allow suffering to exist in the world?" (BP) Photo by Jim Newton

have more upper respiratory problems and intestinal parasites because of their exposure and environment. "But those are pretty much under control," he added.

"When the Indians began coming to the Baptist Hospital in 1965, many of them were becoming interested in Christianity through the witness of the staff and the literature there," explained Dr. Rentz. "But the Miccosukees complained that they had no church where they could follow up in practice what they learned."

As early as 1963 Crenshaw had been looking for property for a chapel in the Forty-Mile Bend area. But those efforts were redoubled when Dr. Rentz reported the interest of the Miccosukees in having a church of their own.

Property just was not available in the area because of the prospect of the new jet airport being built in the vicinity. But in the first of what Parker describes as "miracles," Malcolm Wiseheart, a Presbyterian businessman, donated the land for the chapel.

Then the government declared a moratorium on building in the area while the ecology of the area was studied. The moratorium is still in force, but in another "miracle,"

difficulties in scripture, and it should be apparent that not all of them will be reconciled in this generation or in the next. The doctrine of inerrancy, however, did not arise from an exhaustive investigation of the data, but rather from the statements of

It can be and has been demonstrated that the application of generally-accepted methods of historical criticism to the New Testament documents substantiates the fact that we possess in essence the actual teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. This does not prove inerrancy. It proves only that we can be reasonably certain that we know substantially what Jesus taught.

On the subject of scripture, however, Jesus believed in inerrancy. He said that the scriptures cannot be broken (John 10:35). He said that not a jot or a tittle would fail of fulfillment (Matt. 5:17-18, Luke 16:17). He repeatedly said, "It stands writ-

ten..." clearly referring to an authoritative code.

That Jesus regarded the scriptures as inerrant is recognized by most scholars of whatever theological persuasion. For example, H. J. Cadbury of Harvard, F. C. Grant and John Knox of Union Theological Seminary, and Adolph Harnack and Rudolph Bultmann of past and present German theological fame have acknowledged that Jesus accepted the common Jewish view of His day that the scriptures were absolutely infallible.

These men, liberal theologians all, believe that Jesus was wrong in His view of scripture, but they concede that there can be no question as to what His view was.

Where does this leave evangelicals? Can we logically call Jesus Lord and reject His view of scripture? If He was wrong here, how can we be sure of any of His truth claims? This is a most serious question for Southern Baptists. Our view of inspiration

thus becomes a Christological problem.

Vague and Imprecise

But what do we mean by inerrancy? Is not the term vague and imprecise? It need not be. By inerrancy we mean simply that the scriptures contain exactly what God intended to communicate to contain and that, properly interpreted, they will lead no one astray.

Inerrancy does not demand:

(1) Mechanical dictation. God utilized the vocabulary, literary style, feelings, emotions, etc., of the writers.

(2) That the writers of scripture be sinless or that they be free of many of the erroneous views of their day—but God did not permit their imperfections to infiltrate the scripture they wrote.

(3) That the New Testament writers always quoted the Old Testament verbatim, or even that they quoted the Hebrew text at all.

(4) That the biblical writers always used conventional grammar and syntax.

(5) That the biblical writers did not use figures of speech, phenomenal language, poetic forms, common expressions of the day, etc.

(6) That genealogies and chronologies were always presented in the full and orderly manner that scholars would use today.

(7) That parallel accounts of the same event must be verbally identical.

(8) That translations or copies of the original manuscripts be inerrant. But textual criticism has given us an extremely accurate text—particularly in the New Testament.

Inerrancy does mean that we can trust the scriptures absolutely. In so doing we will not be deceived—theologically, historically or scientifically. We will continue to work with the problems, but our view of scripture, taken from Christ Himself, does not await the solution.

The second question is: Is inerrancy important? I believe it to be crucial. I question neither the sincerity nor the Christian experience of some who oppose inerrancy. Some have managed to combine a genuine experience of grace with a belief in an errant Bible.

Logical Conclusions
I do question whether this combination can be perpetuated in future

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"Paul" preaches at Braxton. (See story below.)

The "Apostle Paul" Visits Braxton Church

The congregation of Braxton Church, Simpson County, on Sunday morning of January 30 was spellbound and filled with wonder as a man with a gray beard, dressed in a toga and sandals, interrupted the introductory remarks to the pastor's sermon.

The pastor, Rev. Michael Everett, had read from Acts 9:1-9 on the conversion of Paul. After a short prayer, he began his sermon: "This passage of scripture is about a man who made a dramatic change in his life because of the experience on the road to Damascus. This was the man who stoned Stephen to death for preaching the Gospel."

At that moment the man with the gray beard stood and said, "Sir! Sir! That is not correct."

Amazed at what was happening, the pastor at first stood speechless, and then asked, "What do you mean?" The bearded man answered, "I only held the garments of those who did the stoning, but all that has changed now."

With every eye of the congregation on the unexpected visitor, the pastor asked, "Well, who are you?"

The strange visitor answered, "I am Paul."

The silence that had already befallen everyone permeated every corner of the sanctuary. Mr. Everett then said, "If you are Paul, you know exactly what happened to you on the road to Damascus. You come and tell us about the change in your life after meeting Christ on that dusty road."

The pastor stepped down from the pulpit as "Paul" came and told masterfully and descriptively the story of his conversion and the change that took place in his life after meeting Christ on the road to Damascus.

It was a most unusual, worshipful experience and most spiritually re-

warding for all who were present. Some came to "Paul" with tears in their eyes, telling him how much his testimony meant to them. Rededications were experienced.

In planning the worship service the pastor had told only six people what was to take place.

The part of Paul was portrayed by Bill Latham, associate in the Church Training Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The purpose of this service, which was so well accomplished through the abilities of Bill Latham, was to show the change a true experience with Christ can make in one's life.

"Where In The World Are You Going?" Theme For N O. Missions Conference

"Where in the World Are You Going?" is the theme for the Student Missions Conference set for Friday and Saturday, February 25-26, 1972, at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

For those of college age or older who are committed to mission service or seriously considering it, the conference will emphasize both the total world mission of the church and the various forms of mission available to the individual Christian.

Special features will include dialogue sessions with home and foreign missionaries and mission board personnel, as well as a special visual

presentation, "Eye Witness to Revolution," presented by the Foreign Mission Board.

Conference registration fee is \$4.00 per person. Housing will be provided without cost in seminary facilities, but each person must bring his own linens and blankets. Meals will be available at reasonable cost in the seminary cafeteria.

College students should register as a group from each school through the BSU director. For more information, or to make individual reservations, contact Dr. Helen Falls, Student Missions Conference Director, NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70126.



SPENCER TIGER GETS KEY TO INDIAN CHURCH: A 10-year-old Miccosukee Indian boy, Spencer Tiger (center), receives the key to the first church ever built for the Miccosukee Indians along the Tamiami Trail at the southern tip of Florida. The church was built by Southern Baptists after Spencer Tiger had plead with Dr. Billy P. Rentz (left), a Baptist physician who works with the Seminole and Miccosukee Indians, to build a chapel similar to the one Spencer had attended at a Baptist hospital. Dr. Rentz presented the key to the young Indian during dedication services for the church. Congratulating him is Congressman Claude Pepper (right), who helped get a moratorium on building in the area lifted to enable construction of the chapel. (BP) Photo.

Miccosukee Indians Get First Church In History

By Adon Taft
Religion Editor, Miami Herald

MIAMI (BP) — The Miccosukee Indians along the Tamiami Trail in the Forty-Mile Bend area at the tip of Florida just got their first church — the Indian Trail Baptist Chapel.

The Miccosukee Indians, however, never before had their own church. Now they have a \$65,000 sanctuary which can seat 150 worshippers. The building has an Indian flavor, with its use of coral rock and natural wood in the A-frame structure. The design suggests the shape of a wigwam, but it looks nothing like the Miccosukee's "chickiee."

That's one reason most of the 450 Miccosukees look upon Christianity as "the white man's religion." According to Buffalo Tiger, chairman of the tribe, who considers himself a Baptist.

Baptists have sponsored almost all Christian work among the Indians in South Florida in the last century, with the exception of the 30-year effort of an Episcopal deaconess which ended in 1960.

However, it was other Indians who brought Christianity to the Miccosukees, noted Genus E. Crenshaw,

a Baptist missionary who has worked among the Indians in South Florida for 20 years.

"The early missionaries among the Seminoles here were Creek Indians from Oklahoma," he said. They were Baptists who in 1907 began their work among the Seminoles on the Hollywood reservation where just over 300 Indians now live.

Today about half the 1,050 Seminoles at Hollywood, Big Cypress, and Brighton reservations are professing Christians, reported Crenshaw, and they have three churches of their own.

About 25 of those Christians now live along the Trail and they now have their own church, thanks to the concern of the Miami Springs Baptist Church with some help from the Florida Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Miami Springs Baptist Church got involved with the Indians through one of its deacons, Dr. Billy P. Rentz, a physician who has served the Seminoles and Miccosukees under government contract since 1947.

The Indians today are most receptive to medical care, he said. They suffer from the same diseases as other people in South Florida, but they

Jeremiah's

Vancleave Baptist Youth Association, Incorporated, Buys Property, Organizes, Operates Own Youth Club

The youth of Vancleave Church, incorporated as Jeremiah's on December 11, 1971.

"Jeremiah's" is a building containing about 4800 square feet, which has been bought by the youth group and is operated on a non-profit basis exclusively for young people between the ages of eleven and twenty-five as a Christian witness through entertainment, instruction, games, and food.

The entire program and operation of "Jeremiah's" is in charge of the youth, who have incorporated their organization and purchased the property which includes about two acres of land, as well as complete furnishings for the kitchen. The youth serve on rotating shifts in operating the facility, doing the cooking, cleaning, and



Jeremiah's is for ages 11-25.

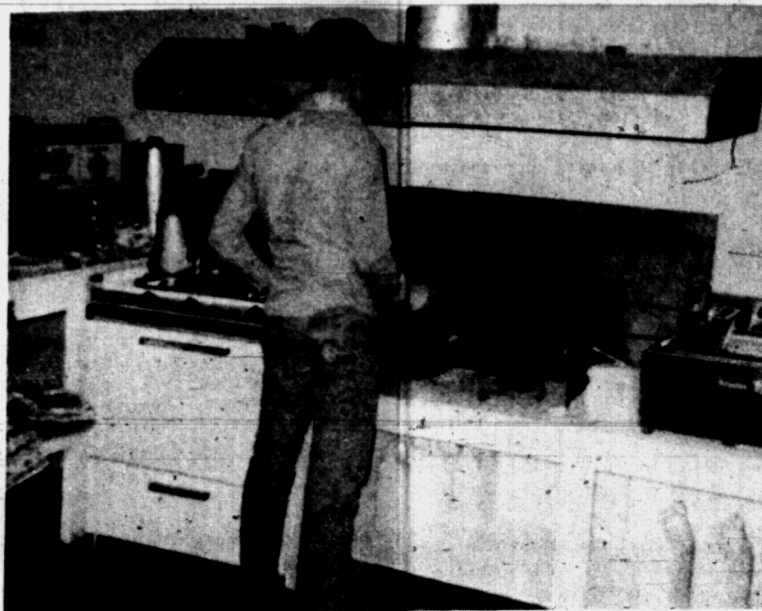
supervision all on their own. The Baptist Church membership a Board of Directors, and counsellors. They acquired the services of legal counsel and also professional men for advice.

The recreational and educational facility will be used also for conducting specialized clinics, and offering classes in various fields of youth interests. Also, on occasion, adults will be invited for special events.

"Jeremiah's" is open to the general public only for take-out orders from the kitchen. Members only are permitted to participate in the other facilities which include ping pong, pool, bowling machine, football machines, a juke box and other entertainments. A hobby shop is anticipated in one room in the near future.

Membership is based on age, dues, and church membership in good standing with one's local church, regardless of denomination. The voting membership consists of members who are also members of the Vancleave Baptist Church, and holds the right to expel from the general membership any member found in violation of the regulations chartered by the youths themselves in the form of organizational by-laws. Operation of the facility is expected to pay for the property which cost \$15,000.00. The youths donate their time in operating "Jeremiah's." Elected counselors are on duty during all open hours. To the group's knowledge, this is the first and perhaps only operation of its kind in the state or perhaps the Southern Baptist convention.

Interested persons from everywhere can find fulfillment in responsibility in a Christian atmosphere. "Mike" Melvin, a junior at University of Southern Mississippi, is president of the youth organization, and Rev. Frank Lescallotte is pastor of the Vancleave Church.



At Jeremiah's, young people do their own cooking.



Football machines, ping pong tables, and other games offer varied entertainment.



In the background, young people buy refreshments, prepared and sold by other young people.



Graham Boutwell, "Most Handsome" crowns Clarke College's 1972 "Most Beautiful," Patricia Gilbert. Graham is son of a pastor and Patricia is daughter of missionaries.

"Promenade Of The Belles"

The Old South lived again, if only briefly, on the night of Friday, Jan. 21, as the annual Beauty Pageant at Clarke College, featured "Promenade of the Belles."

Twenty young ladies, in dresses reminiscent of the period when Cotton was King and life was dignified and elegant in the Southland, graced the stage. Each was evaluated on her poise, general appearance, stage presence, and ability to communicate.

Chosen "Most Beautiful" was Miss Tricia Gilbert, daughter of Clarke alumnus James Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert, missionaries to Ecuador. This young lady wears such crowns easily for she was 1970's Newton Junior Miss. Four other lovely girls comprise the court; first runner-up, Miss Belva Booker of Meridian; second runner-up, Kathy Crotwell of Walker, La.; third runner-up Madelon Reed of Louisville; fourth runner-up Mary Smith of Enterprise.

Also revealed during the evening was the winner of "Most Handsome," selected by vote of the Clarke Student Body. Mr. Graham Boutwell was named; a Clarke freshman and the son of Rev. & Mrs. J. R. Boutwell of Picayune.

High School Bible Course Attracts Students

WINNETKA, Ill. (EP)—A seminar room at new Trier East Township High School here is filled every time classes begin for a senior elective called, "The Bible as Literary Art."

At the start, 53 students enrolled. The class was later split. It ranks in appeal as one of the schools' most popular courses.

"I'm not surprised the course has been so well received," Mrs. Peggy Pink was quoted. The chairman of the English department added: "In a time of perplexity, it's natural for religion to be a lodestone for young people."

The Case - - -

(Continued from page 5) generations. Our standstills tend to take our positions to logical conclusions which we are not always willing to face. For example, Altizer and Hamilton, death - of - God advocates, credit Tillich and Barth respectively with laying the foundations of their thought - although both Tillich and Barth were horrified at the results.

It can be documented that the move away from biblical inerrancy was instrumental in triggering the theological drift in many of our major denominations which has rendered them as little more than caricatures of their original role as witnesses to the historic Christian faith. The unity which was supposed to foster evangelism and missions has virtually destroyed both in any biblical sense.

Southern Baptists must soon decide whether they wish to continue the current trend in the same direction. I believe, rather that God expects us to call a confused world to faith in Christ through the obedient proclamation of His inerrant written word.

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Today's Youth

Want To Be A Chaplain?

Brigadier General William L. Clark, assistant director for military personnel ministries of the Home Mission Board's Division of Chaplaincy, will be at Mississippi College Thursday, Feb. 17, to talk to those interested in the military or institutional chaplaincy.

Dr. W. W. Stevens, chairman of the Division of Religion, said that Gen. Clark would be in the Board Room of the Province Chapel from 9 a.m. on to talk with anyone interested in the field of chaplaincy.

RECIFE, Brazil — Baptist young women (YWAs) in this country are observing their 50th anniversary, and 110 of them recently attended the first regional Young Woman's Auxiliary camp held near here as part of the observance. Three Brazilian Baptist home missionaries who work in the country's interior participated in the camp program. A similar camp for young women in southern Brazil will take place in early April. During the annual Woman's Missionary Union convention in Sao Paulo in January, YWAs presented a pageant in tribute to the first single woman appointee of the Brazilian Home Mission Board.

POWERLINE LIFELIGHT FOR TEENS

By PAUL M. STEVENS

Director, International Communications Center

SICK OF SOMEONE? THERE'S A CURE

Dear Powerline:

I had a best friend who really meant a lot to me, but right now we really dislike each other. It's not really dislike. We're just plain sick of each other. What can I do about her?

You've made a brilliant diagnosis of the problem. You shouldn't have much trouble nailing down the solution. If you're just plain sick of each other, then just plain avoid each other for a while. Don't stop being friends. Keep the door open and you may get back together later. What's happened to you, is pretty common among young people. When kids are younger, they want a friend—one they can call their very own. Later, they want to branch out socially and form a wider circle

of friendships. When they do, they sometimes turn off to that "best friend" they were once so fond of.

You can go ahead and make new friends now, and encourage her to do the same. But do it the Jesus way. That means keeping her forgiveness and gentleness if you get your feelings hurt. One word of warning, though. This Jesus program doesn't click unless the real Jesus is in it. You'll be spotted as a phony if you try to act syrupy sweet when you feel hateful inside. So get to know Jesus by reading about Him in the Bible and talking about Him with the sincere Christians you know. Then you can let Him be the foundation for all of your relations with others.

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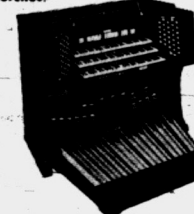
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Students Present Original Puppet Show

William Carey College education students, members of the Children's Literature course, presented an original puppet show for the Hattiesburg County Drive Head Start Center. Under the supervision of Mrs. Virginia Scott, the students wrote the play, "The Three Billy Goats Gruff," made the scenery and the puppets. Show before the set are Kay Smith, Ann Hollingsworth, and Dianne Martin. — (Photo by Ron Dyal)

Endurance And The Christian Hope

By Clifton J. Allen
Lake 17:20-37; 21:5-38

The purpose of God in Christ will come to a final consummation. The return of Christ at the end of the age is a certainty, the time of his coming cannot be known. These basic certainties are ground for endurance and Christian hope. Jesus' teaching drew on the concepts and images of apocalyptic thought. We surely cannot be certain about the meaning of application of many symbols and images. We can be certain about central truths. Jesus foretold the coming destruction of Jerusalem. He warned the disciples of the certainty of persecution. He declared the fact of his return at the end of the age, and he declared also that the time was unknown. He urged the disciples to be watchful and ready and expectant. As a result, the New Testament reflects the dominant expectation of the early Christians of the imminent return of the Lord.



The Lesson Explained
Signs Of The Times
Two passages are included in our larger Bible lesson. The first passage tells of Jesus' response to a question of the Pharisees about the time of the coming of the kingdom of God. Jesus said that "the kingdom of God is within you." He may have meant the kingdom is in your hearts or the kingdom is in your midst. Both are true. The Christian is in the kingdom, and the reign of the kingdom is in the Christian's heart. Our second lesson passage is taken from Jesus' discourse on last things, spoken during the week of his crucifixion. Interwoven with Jesus' comments about the destruction of Jerusalem were teachings having to do with the whole sweep of history and the certain end of the age at the return of Christ. It is not possible clearly to separate all that Jesus said and related to the two events. But Jesus did speak of the signs of the times. Many serious students of history believe that our present world order is marked by signs pointed to the Lord's return soon. Such may be the case. We simply do not know. All that Jesus said has both timeless application and urgent relevance.

The Return Of Christ
Verses 25-33
These verses seem to point specifically to the second coming. His return will affect the whole universe. Cataclysmic events will affect the natural order. The times will be such as to try men's souls. Certainly those without faith will experience the terror of fear. The Son of man will come in power and great glory. He will come in judgment and deliverance and victory. His coming will usher in the final consummation of the kingdom of God. Jesus spoke a brief parable about the fig tree as an illustration of how we can know that the kingdom of God is near, that is, its final consummation. But then he said that the generation of which he was a part would not pass away till what he had said had taken place. That generation did not pass until many things Jesus spoke about the kingdom came to fulfillment. He himself disclaimed knowledge as to the time of his return, but he declared the certainty that he would come again. The resurrection was the beginning of his triumph, and his second coming will bring to consummation his saving work, the victory of his kingdom, and the inauguration of his eternal kingdom of righteousness and peace. Heaven and earth and all that is transitory will ultimately pass away, but the truth spoken by Christ and his victorious reign will endure forever.

Readiness And Watchfulness
Verses 34-38
Christians are to be supremely concerned to live in readiness for the Lord's return and to be eagerly expectant for his victory. There can be no justification for preoccupation with the cares of this life, that is, self-centered interest in worldly satisfactions and achievements. And of course there can be no justification for intemperance and dissipation or any sort of covetous and lustful self-indulgence. No one can be justified in treating lightly the certain fact of the Lord's return. It will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. Not to be prepared with sure faith in Christ as Savior and with the strongest purpose of fidelity to him as Lord would be folly and presumption and sin. Readiness comes through faithfulness in manner of life, faithfulness in service, and faithfulness in worship.

Truths To Live By
The return of Christ will bring human history to fulfillment. — We need a deepening conviction that the world order is not moving toward a meaningless nowhere. The course of human history is moving toward the return of the Lord, which will be at the time determined by the sovereignty of God, will bring the purpose of God in the creation to a glorious fulfillment. The goal of history will be achieved when all things find their unity in the redemption and lordship of Christ. The powers of evil and

death will be brought into final and everlasting subjection. The suffering of humanity will be completed. The travail of the universe will be over. The reign of Christ will be established in universal righteousness and peace.

The Christian hope is ground for Christian endurance. — Our Christian hope is much more than the hope of personal salvation. It is the assurance that God's plan of the ages, revealed

fully and accomplished fully through the saving work of Christ, will come to fulfillment. The cause of righteousness will triumph. Love will prevail.

We must live forever in the shadow of death. This is a stark sentence from William Barclay. How foolish to wait till the late years of life to begin to think of eternity! It is even more foolish to live as though this earthly life is all there is to life. Whether death comes early in life,

during the years of maturity, or in old age, one is always in the shadow of eternity. And this is an inspiring challenge to make one's life the best possible preparation for life in the presence of the Lord. The demand of all, is a demand for personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. And, next, it is a demand for a clean life given to what is good, lived with radiant joy and hope, poured out in unselfish service for others.



Sign Of Stones

MOJAVE DESERT, Calif. — "Jesus Saves" signs are a commonplace sight along the nation's highways but they are usually made of wood or metal. In the hot, barren Mojave Desert of California sign makers have used the

most readily available materials — stones — to spell out their message. Such religious signs of stone are quite numerous along Route 66 in the desert. (RNS Photo)

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

When The Lost Is Found, Hate Is Changed To Love

Luke 19:1-10
By Bill Duncan

The story of Zacchaeus ends with the great words, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." We must always be careful how we regard the meaning of the word lost. The word lost seeks to say that something or somebody is in the wrong place. If we have lost our keys, it means that they got out of place into the wrong place. When we find them, we return them to their right place. Man becomes lost when he leaves the place of innocence and turns his back upon God and goes astray. For man to be saved, means he takes his right place as obedient child in the family of God.

Zacchaeus is a good example of what happens when the lost are saved. Zacchaeus was a successful tax collector who had become wealthy but not happy. This profession had made him an outcast. This led him to become lonely. The news of Jesus had reached him and Zacchaeus went reaching after the love of God. Because of the crowd that despised him and his small stature, he climbed a tree to see the man that loved sinners. Things had never been easy for Zacchaeus but he had the courage of desperation. Everyone (even Zacchaeus) was surprised when Jesus announced that he would go home with Zacchaeus. Because of his need and his new friend, Zacchaeus made a decision and received him joyfully.

The crowd was indignant because Jesus would grace the house of one who had robbed them all. Inside the house Zacchaeus was making a resolution. "Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything (in Greek this condition implies he had) from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." This was more than the law required. This indicates a changed man. But Jesus gave an even stronger indication when he said, "This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham." The people thought Jesus should have condemned Zacchaeus but Jesus won him to himself.

A testimony is utterly worthless unless it is backed by deeds which guarantee its sincerity. It is not a mere change of words which Jesus demands, but a change of life. Barely 24 years ago Commander Mitsuo Fuchida led the Japanese air attack upon Pearl Harbor, signaling the doom of thousands of Americans. Near the close of the war, Fuchida was in Hiroshima. By a strange providence he left the day before the atomic bomb leveled the city. "Why was my life spared?" he asked himself. This he could not understand, for he worshiped only the Buddhist and Shinto gods of stone.

After the war Fuchida became more bitter than ever against the Americans for dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He felt that the Americans, like the Japanese, were guilty of torturing prisoners. In his search for evidence to back up his beliefs he asked a friend who had been imprisoned in a hospital in Utah what he thought. The friend eagerly related how a nurse, the daughter of American missionaries, had nursed injured Japanese back to health with love and kindness. "This nurse, Fuchida's friend

said, 'knew that her parents had been shot by our men in the Philippines. She told us her parents faced the firing squad on their knees in prayer.'"

Profoundly shaken, Fuchida took a train back to Tokyo. At a stop a missionary handed him a printed tract. The tract told about an American

School Of Nursing Holds Uniform Day Ceremony

William Carey College School of Nursing, New Orleans Campus held a Uniform Day Ceremony on Wednesday, February 2, 1972 at Napoleon Avenue Church at seven o'clock p.m. to inaugurate the nursing studies for sophomore level students.

The college is located in Hattiesburg, with the School of Nursing at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

Mrs. Shirley T. Morrison, Dean of the School of Nursing presided at the ceremony. Following the ceremony a reception was held at Farnsworth Hall for the students, parents, faculty and guests.

The women students wore the uniform consisting of a red A-line dress with short sleeves and a mandarin collar covered by a white tunic which is accented with a red, white and black emblem. The nurse's cap is high-lighted by a black and red velvet band on the brim. The men students wore a uniform of black slacks and white jacket with the Carey School of Nursing emblem.

bombardier who had been captured and tortured by the Japanese in a prison camp. One day a Japanese guard had given the American a Bible. The American, who then violently hated his captors, read about Christ's love and redemption. When he believed in Christ, his hate was changed to love.

"Perhaps the Bible can help me," Fuchida decided. He bought a Japanese translation and began reading. Later he declared, "When I came to Luke 23 and read Christ's prayer just before He died on the cross, then I understood. I met Jesus that day. He came into my heart and changed my life from a military officer to a warrior for Christ."

Today, Mitsuo Fuchida is a minister. He turned down the highest position in the Japanese Air Force so that he could give his full time to conducting revival meetings.

The nature of salvation is illustrated in the conversion of Zacchaeus. Jesus sought out a man despised by the religious authorities. Jesus sought him out because he was lost, not because he was good. This unpromising person could become a "son of Abraham." Not because he was a Jew, but because his life was open to God and to others, to receive and to give.

Most people would rather see a sermon than hear one. A life that has been transformed by God from lost to saved is a sermon.

The young organist stopped and stared at the pile of beer-cans beside the liquor store. "That's it!" he exclaimed. "They'll make the organ we need."

The organist, Ron Severin, was then a student at Long Beach State College and organist at a church in Downey, California. He quickly got permission to haul off the junk beer cans, then began sterilizing them. Next he soldered them together in the varying lengths required by the musical scale and fitted them with a "mouth."

Each pipe has taken about one hour to make. Already the young organist has created flute and viola sounds, but he is finding that the reed sounds are more difficult to produce. He expects that his organ from beer cans will be finished in three years. Then that which degraded mankind will have been changed into a noble instrument to offer praises to God.

Christ can take men from the rubbish heaps of society and redeem them to become sincere Christians and model citizens. But he needs our help to tell men of his love and ability. We cannot change these men, but we can introduce them to someone who can.

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Union U. Plans Three-Day Bible Conference

Union University, Jackson, Tenn. has planned a three-day Bible Conference March 6 through 8, according to Dr. David Irby, Dean of Religious Affairs at the Baptist College.

Dr. Irby said that all area churches will be invited to send Sunday School teachers, Training Union leaders, and other church workers, along with the ministers to the sessions.

Outstanding evangelists and theologians have been invited for the program. Included are Dr. Ray Frank Robbins, professor of New Testament Interpretation and Greek, New Orleans Seminary; Dr. Vance Havner, popular evangelist and Bible teacher of the mid-South area; Dr. T. Crabtree, pastor of First Church, Springfield, Missouri, and author of "The Zondervan's Pastor's Annual" for the past five years; and Dr. J. D. Gray, pastor of First Church, New Orleans, Louisiana. Carlys Scates, minister of music at Jackson's First Church will direct all special sessions of music.

There is no fee for the conference. Programs may be obtained from Dr. David Irby, Dean of Religious Affairs, Union University, Jackson, Tennessee 38301.

"Time And The Cities"

"Time and the Cities," an hour-long color documentary produced by the Southern Baptist Radio - Television Commission in association with NBC, will be shown nationwide by the network at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Sunday, February 27.

The program filmed on location in Turkey, relates the demise of seven ancient cities mentioned in the book of Revelation to problems of the modern metropolises. Narrated by Alexander Scourby, the film discusses social, economic and religious conditions in each of the ancient cities at the time Revelation was written. Emphasizing situations that foreshadowed death in those cities, it pinpoints similar traces of decadence in today's urban, industrialized society. Scenes of ancient ruins interspersed with footage of modern pollution - choked cities, compose an intriguing visual backdrop for the narration.

Doris Ann, manager of religious programs for NBC, was executive producer of the film, which was scripted by Philip Scharper. Joseph Vadala was director and photographer. Consult local station listings for correct time in your area.

Judging from the results of a good lesson, the teacher's fruitful study can affect the ideas of many in the class about vital areas of the Christian life, molding and influencing them. — William J. Brown in "Practical Help for Teaching the Bible, a Broadman book

The will of God is the final determinant of right and wrong, the ultimate source of authority for the Christian. — T. B. Maston - William M. Pinson, Jr. in "Right or Wrong? (Revised Edition), a Broadman book



Branch Breaks Ground For Fellowship Building

Branch Church, Scott Association, concluded their January 23rd morning service with ground-breaking for a fellowship building. The building will be of frame and brick construction with 1500 sq. ft. of concrete floor space. It will contain a complete kitchen with a serving bar to be used in various church activities, rest rooms, and will be air-conditioned. It will seat over 100 people easily at tables. This building will be used for various indoor games and Christian recreation as approved and supervised by the church. The pastor, Rev. B. H. Ross Sr., E. L. Coward, Building Committee Chairman, and Jack Gordon, Finance Committee Chairman, are pictured with members of the Committees during this ceremony. Left to right are: Mrs. W. J. Measells Jr., Mrs. Wayne Peagler, Mrs. Mark Merchant, Woods Peagler, E. L. Coward, Howard Peagler, Jack Gordon, Billy Minton, the pastor, and Dwight Irby. Not present due to sickness were W. J. Measells Jr. and Jack Smith.



Christian Life Seminar Held At BMC

During the Christian Life Commission Seminar held at Blue Mountain College January 27, the above men were principal participants for all-day Bible classes, attended by approximately 57. Standing, left to right: Dr. William Stevens, Mississippi College faculty; Rev. Bobby Burress, director, Public Relations and Development, Blue Mountain; Rev. Robert Martin, pastor, First Church, Ripley; Dr. James L. Travis, Blue Mountain professor, teacher of one of the seminar classes; and seated, front, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, director Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, leader and sponsor for the seminar.

Off The Record

Robert O. Lewis tells of the world... including... in the Sahara Desert. One day the manager received a letter from the Sahara branch, complaining that the employees were out of water. The complaint was discussed with the president, who shrugged: "Oh, those Sahara people are always complaining they're out of water." "I think this time they mean it," said the manager. "The stamp is attached with a pin."

The easiest way to teach children the value of money is to borrow some from them.

A preacher, about 25 pounds overweight, went to his physician for some reducing advice. The doctor wrote out a prescription and also gave him a bottle of little blue pills.

"These are not to be swallowed," he directed the patient. "Spill them on the floor several times a day and then pick them up."

The politician paused as he stood up on the platform to speak. A heavy hush fell on the audience. The community was badly split on an issue and no one could see how he could straddle it.

Finally, the politician began to speak. "Some of my friends are for this," he declared, "and some of my friends are against it, and now I want you to know where I stand. I'm for my friends."

A veterinarian quit his practice and successfully ran for the legislature. One day, in the midst of a bitter debate, an opponent asked with a sneer: "Isn't it true that you're an animal doctor?"

"Indeed it is," he replied. "Are you ill?"

Beware of those who fall at your feet. They may be reaching for the corner of the rug.

A neurotic builds air castles. A psychotic lives in them. A psychoanalyst collects the rent.

Friends are those who speak to you after others don't.

Feel for others — with your pocket book.

1972 Is Student Work's Fiftieth Anniversary

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptists involved in student work will celebrate this year the fiftieth anniversary of the launching of their convention-wide program of student work and the first publication of "The Baptist Student."

With the publication of the January, 1972, anniversary issue of "The Student," the fiftieth anniversary celebration has already begun. Throughout the year National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will emphasize the anniversary year through activities and publications.

"Baptist Student Union Guidebook," a program manual for BSU, will be released in March.

Among the activities of the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia this June will be a student presentation, a luncheon for former

Baptist Student Union members, release of a new booklet on the history of BSU, distribution of a tabloid newspaper to all messengers and a special booth display.

A National Directors Conference will be conducted in Norman, Okla., July 10-14. This first such national conference for all directors in ten years will be at the Phillips Conference Center for Continuing Education to plan the next fifty year advance of student ministries.

Student conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Assemblies, August 16-21, will have 50th anniversary theme interpretations on opening night. Additionally, a "BSU Officers Handbook" will be released in August.

Special references to the anniversary will be made in Baptist student conventions across the nation next fall.

Kreole Ave. Exceeds Goal

Kreole Avenue Church, Kreole, exceeded their Lottie Moon Offering goal of \$500, giving \$601.35. (Mrs. Mildred Christian presented a love gift in memory of her late husband, Charles Christian, and Mrs. W. W. Kayzar presented a gift in memory of Rev. W. W. Kayzar, a former pastor of the church.)

The interest center, shown above, represented "the star that shone over Bethlehem, the cross that made redemption possible, and the crown that represents victory in Christ," according to Mrs. Jewel Smith, WMU director. Rev. J. Wilbur Hall is the pastor.

New Bill On Obscene Mail Filed In House

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—What has been described as a "new approach to combating obscenity" has been introduced as a bill in the House of Representatives, giving the individual direct access to a course of action.

Submitted by Rep. Robert Price (R-Texas), the measure would give a person receiving mail of an obscene nature the right to initiate a civil action against the mailer for interference with his right of privacy. It would provide for compensatory and punitive damages, and includes a definition of obscenity by which to measure the material.

Mr. Price, in introducing the bill, said it eliminates "certain weaknesses" of a law adopted last year, subsequently upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court, allowing a person to notify the post office of his unwillingness to receive sexually provocative mail, but leaving legal action up to the government.

Devotional

God Answers Prayer

By W. W. Stevens, Chairman, Division of Religion
Mississippi College

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened" (Matt. 7:7,8). People have asked me at various times the very significant question, "Do you believe that God answers prayer?" To this query I must give an unequivocal "yes."

(1) In the first place there is a certain sense in which there is no "unanswered" prayer. Prayer is communion with God, and the very communion of spirit with Spirit constitutes an answer. For what should man seek more, what God can bestow on God himself? Is it not God himself? Therefore the very communion of the saved with the saving God is answered prayer.

(2) In the second place, "no" is as much an answer as "yes"; but many Christians fail to realize this. It is as hard for children to accept "no" from mama or daddy. People may ask God for things which he, in his infinite wisdom, knows they should not have. Did not Jesus remind us that God gives good gifts—"how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matt. 7:11)? God may know that it is not best for us to receive our bold requests.

(3) In the third place, God many times substitutes, not answering our prayers in the way we have specifically "directed" him but in ways which will most magnify his name and enhance his kingdom. Therefore God many times answers prayer, but not in the way we had expected. This is a positive answer to prayer, but positive in the realm of the unexpected. Paul pleaded with God to deliver him from the "thorn in the flesh," given that he might not be overexalted. "Concerning this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he hath said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:8,9). God refused his request but gave him a conquering grace instead, thus effecting more glory to the kingdom and to his name than would occur in the fulfillment of the apostle's original plea.

God answers sharp and sudden on some prayers. And thrusts the thing we have prayed for in our face. A gauntlet with a gift in't.

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Names In The News

Two Mississippi ministers attended a seminar entitled "Fundamentals of Church Administration for a Small Church," Jan. 24-28 at the Church Program Training Center of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Rev. Francis W. Vriesen, pastor, Wayside Church, Vicksburg, and Rev. James M. Porch Jr., pastor, Northside Church, Clinton, were among seminar participants.

Dr. Paul D. Simmons, Southern Seminary professor, will be the guest speaker during the annual observance of Religious Emphasis Week at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, to be held February 14-18. Dr. Simmons will deliver sermons in the hospital's chapel at noon at 5:15 p.m. each day of the week and has chosen as his theme "Love and Live."

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel R. J. Cannata, Jr., missionaries who have completed furlough in the States, were scheduled to arrive Jan. 12 in Ethiopia (address: Box 5539, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia). Dr. Cannata is a native of Houston, Tex., and Mrs. Cannata is the former Virginia (Ginny) Currey of Mississippi.

Billy Ray Miller has moved to Natchez as music and youth director of Morgantown Church.

Mr. Miller, pictured, is a native of Louisiana and a graduate of Louisiana Baptist College. He goes to Morgantown from Weller Avenue Church, Baton Rouge. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two children, Tim and Laura. He assumes the position formerly held by Fred Yeats who had to retire in July due to ill health and resides in Demming, New Mexico. Morgantown Church welcomed the Millers with a church-wide dinner on Wednesday, January 19. Rev. Charles Hollifield is the pastor.

Airman of the Month for December, 1971, was AIC William B. Bryant, personnel specialist assigned to the 3380th Air Base Group, Keesler AFB, Biloxi, and son of Therman Bryant, associate, Cooperative Missions Department, MCB. Airman Bryant, a graduate of Mississippi College, taught in the high school at Nettleton before joining the Air Force. He is married to the former Sue Brooks from Evergreen, Ala., and they have a daughter, Kelly, 2.

Miss Dorothy Latham, missionary who has completed furlough in the States, was scheduled to depart Jan. 11 or 12 for Brazil (address: Caixa 226, 69000 Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil). Miss Latham, a Mississippian, was born in Rosedale and grew up in Forkville.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Bethea, missionaries who have completed emergency leave in the States, were scheduled to arrive Jan. 10 in Tanzania (address: Box 723, Mbeya, Tanzania). Dr. Bethea was born in Hattiesburg, Miss., and reared in Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. Bethea is the former Lizette McCall of Memphis.



Two brothers from Lebanon Church, Covington Association, have surrendered to the gospel ministry, according to their pastor, Rev. Doug Benedict. Mike, left, and Mark Lott are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lott of Collins. Mark is a freshman at Jones Junior College and was licensed to preach on Jan. 16. His brother, Mike, has felt called to the ministry of church music and plans to enter William Carey College in the fall as a junior.

Rev. and Mrs. John A. Parker, missionaries who have completed furlough in the States, were scheduled to depart Jan. 13 for Chile (address: Casilla 88, Talca, Chile). He is a native of Lucedale, Miss.; she is the former Ruby Hayden of Pickton, Tex.

J. W. Keene, 74, of Monroe, La., brother of Mrs. S. M. White of Hattiesburg, Miss., died January 3. Funeral services were conducted January 4 in Monroe by Rev. Lee Joiner. Mr. Keene was a member of the administrative board of the Southside Methodist Church in Monroe, where he was owner of Keene's Shoe Stores, Inc. In addition to his sister, the deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jessie Nix Keene, three stepchildren, five grandchildren, and one brother.

David Chance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Chance of Laurel, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by Wildwood Church.

He has been called to serve as pastor of Pine Street Mission Laurel. The ordination council was composed of deacons of the Wildwood Church, the pastor Rev. Billy G. Johnson, and Rev. Maurice Flowers, superintendent of Missions, Jones County Association. A graduate of Watkins High School of Laurel, Mr. Chance attended Clarke College for one semester and is presently enrolled at Southeastern Baptist Junior College. He plans to continue his education in college and seminary.



Dr. Robert Hamblin (center), pastor of Tupelo's Harrisburg Church, was a featured inspirational speaker at the recent Louisiana Baptist Evangelism Conference in West Monroe-Monroe, La. Pictured with Dr. Hamblin are: Dr. Scott Tatum (left), pastor of Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, and Nathan Porter of the Home Mission Board, SBC.



Shown above right, is Floyd McGee, chairman of deacons of Salem Church, Covington County, as he presents an engraved silver tray to Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Carlisle, Sr., left. Mr. Carlisle has served as interim pastor of the church since last July. Rev. Gerald Aultman has accepted the pastorate of Salem Church, coming from Mt. Zion Church, Simpson County. Mr. Aultman and his wife, the former Elizabeth Patterson, are both from New Hope community near Sumrall. They are the parents of three children. Following the Sunday night service on January 23, the church honored the Aultman family and Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle with a reception in the church fellowship hall.

Rev. Bobby Robbins of Pontotoc County has accepted the pastorate of Evergreen Church, Itawamba County. He will be moving into that community at an early date.



Understanding is not synonymous with agreeing. Understanding means that we do take cognizance that the circumstances under which our children grow up today are vastly different and more difficult than were the circumstances of our teen years. —Chester Swor in The Parent Slant, a Broadman book

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Young Minister Ordained

At Agricola Church near Lucedale, Dan Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Nelson, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry.

The invocation was led by Rev. Charles Barnes, pastor of Southside Church. Rev. Horace Glass, pastor of Barton Church, gave the charge to the preacher; Rev. John Merck, pastor of Rocky Creek, gave the charge to the church. The ordination sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. Bryce Evans. The Bible was presented by Dan's grandfather, D. D. Rogers, deacon of the Agricola Church; the ordination prayer was led by Otho Shows, chairman of the deacons at Agricola. The certificate of ordination was presented by Rev. John Parker, missionary to Chile whose mother is a member of the Agricola Church.

It was during Mr. Parker's missionary furlough some eleven years ago that he was preaching a revival in this church and Dan came forward on profession of faith.

Dan is a Junior at William Carey College. He is a graduate of Perkins Junior College. He served this summer as a student missionary to Colorado with the Home Mission Board.

He is presently pastor of Seminary Church, Perry County.

Moves To New Field

Rev. Banks Hardy, pastor of Antioch, Lowndes County, has accepted a call to Belden Church, Belden, beginning February 1. This change in pastorate coincides with the fourteenth anniversary of an effective, rewarding ministry at Antioch.

